

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Possibility for an error due to the disabled access to the data on the recording/reproducing medium having the recording times restriction can be reduced. For this purpose, the information about the recording times restriction is previously stored to the recording/reproduction medium having the recording times restriction and the recording/reproducing apparatus restricts the recording operations not to exceed the recording times restriction using the recording number information of the medium management information such as the defect management table or the like for the update of information. Moreover, when the medium management information is recorded in the multiple points, update of the medium management information exceeding the recording times restriction can be executed through the management to always keep the normal points after update of the medium management information to a plurality of points.